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Title: Comments on draft-farrel-mpls-tp-recommendation-review [Ref #18.02]

LIAISON STATEMENT

To: IETF MPLS WG

Approval: Agreed to by Questions 9, 10, 12, 14/15 (by correspondence)

For: Action

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Thank you for your liaison statement (Ref # 18.01) requesting an early review by the ITU-T of "IETF Expectations of Participation in Development and Review of ITU-T Recommendations on MPLS-TP".

The experts of Q.9, Q.10, Q.12 and Q.14 have reviewed draft-farrel-mpls-tp-recommendation-review-00.txt by correspondence and request that the following changes be incorporated in the next revision of this draft:

Abstract and Introduction:

Current text:

... As part of this development process, the International Telecommunications Union - Telecommunications Standardisation Sector (ITU-T) will develop a number of Recommendations that document the integration of MPLS-TP into the transport network. Those Recommendations will not define any aspects of MPLS-TP protocols or procedure because that work is reserved for the IETF as the design authority for MPLS-TP...

However RFC5317 states

"Develop ITU-T Recommendations to allow MPLS-TP to be integrated with current transport equipment and networks, including in agreement with the IETF, the definition of any ITU-T-specific functionality within the MPLS-TP architecture via the MPLS change process [RFC4929]"

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Revised text:

... As part of this development process, the International Telecommunications Union - Telecommunications Standardisation Sector (ITU-T) will develop a number of Recommendations ~~that document the integration of MPLS-TP into the transport network. Those Recommendations will not define any aspects of MPLS-TP protocols or procedure because that work is reserved for the IETF as the design authority for MPLS-TP.~~

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1.2. Purpose and Intent of Cooperation on MPLS-TP

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The objective of cooperation between the IETF and ITU-T is to ensure full participation of interested parties in order to make sure that all opinions are heard with the intention of producing sound and stable MPLS-TP documentation. It is understood that neither the IETF nor the ITU-T ~~can be~~ in a position to block the work of the other body within its areas of authority...

4. IETF Input to the ITU-T Final Modification and Consent Process

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If the judgment call is that further IETF review and agreement is required, a choice must be made:

- If the changes are small, the Recommendation may continue to be consented with the understanding that any ~~changes necessary~~ after changes identified during the IETF review will be ~~incorporated during the~~ submitted to the ITU-T as last call comments and ~~approval phases~~ (see Section 5).

Reason for the change: After consent the text of a Recommendation can only be modified based on comments received during the last call period. Last call comments must be resolved otherwise the Recommendation will not pass the additional review step.

- If the change is more significant, the designated IETF representative will advise the Study Group through the Study Group chair. ~~that the Recommendation should not be considered for consent at the closing plenary. The IETF understands that the Study Group will not consent the Recommendation under these circumstances; instead,~~ In this case the IETF expects that the text will be sent back to the IETF for further review and agreement prior to consent. Depending on the result of the IETF review, the ITU-T Question responsible for the Recommendation will undertake further work to revise the text and initiate additional IETF review before proposing the revised text for consent.